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SUBJECT: BITTER PRESS REACTION TO TANAKA'S NUCLEAR WEAPONS
STATEMENT

1. JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TANAKA'S MARCH 21 STATEMENT IN DIET LEAVING OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT JAPAN MIGHT SOMEDAY POSSESS DEFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS DREW BITTER CRITICISM FROM SEVERAL TAIPEI NEWSPAPERS. KMT CHUNG YANG JIH PAO CLAIMED THAT JAPANESE POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD " BE AN OPEN VIOLATION OF WORLD PUBLIC OPINION" AS EXPRESSED NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY, AND CALLED FOR UNSPECIFIED TIMELY PREVENTATIVE MEASURES. PAPER ALSO NOTED ASIAN SUSPICION OF JAPAN DUE TO REPEATED JAPANESE BREACHES OF PROMISE, AND SAID POSSESSION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CERTAINLY WOULD NOT HELP ALLEVIATE MISTRUST.

2. TA HUA WAN PAO CARRIED THE INVECTIVE FURTHER, DECLARING THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT IS PART OF TANAKA'S DEFENSE PLANS AND LABEL OF " DEFENSIVE" NUCLEAR WEAPONS IS DELIBERATE DECEPTION. EDITORIAL CALLED FOR THOSE WHO STILL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BELIEVE THAT JAPAN WILL CONTRIBUTE TO PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN ASIA TO WAKE UP TO DANGER NOW.

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